

“His Father’s Earth”

1. What are two jobs the boy does in the circus?
2. How do the circus people see outsiders?
3. What is the turning point in which the boy starts to not like the circus?
4. When he gets off the train and is home, the pace of the story slows down, why?
5. Who greets him when he gets home?
6. At the end he is back at the circus again. What is this telling us about his trip with the circus?
7. Your literary element for this story is description. What two things does Wolfe describe so in depth?
8. On page 554 the last half-sentence on the bottom of the right hand column it says, “There was an earth with fences, as big as a man’s heart, but not so great as his desire. . . .” What does this mean?

Your literary term is description, a form of writing that uses sensory language to create images and to convey moods or emotions. Everyone must use description and write at least a paragraph about a place. Don’t tell what place you are describing – we will guess. Be sure to be very specific, using the different senses (sights, sounds, smells, etc.)